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Dear Sir,

I have just received your note of the 21st. — I will be here on Friday morning to meet Mr Lewis Taws. —

What is the entire cost of such a hoisting apparatus as you have, including machinery, belting, platform, guides, cordage &c? — And what is the heaviest load we will ever require to hoist at the New York Assay Office? — I have seen a hoisting apparatus at a sugar refinery here, which I very much like, the cost of which, complete, would be about $1.000, and is capable of raising five tons.

The masons have nearly completed the deposite furnaces. — We will be ready to see you on Monday

In haste

Yours very truly

Geo. W. Cullum

Capt. U.S. Engrs

Prof. Booth
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